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DATELINE

More information about these and other Cal Poly events is accessible from the Cal Poly News Web site (www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu). Athletics: www.calpolymustangs.com (\$) – Admission charged

Exhibits

UU Gallery: Anti-war art of student Sabiha Basrai, Monday (April 12) to May 4; reception 7-9pm Monday

Wednesday, April 7

Music: Billy Foppiano, BackStage Pizza, 11am

Thursday, April 8

'Provocative Perspective': Nikki Giovanni, Vista Grande, 7:30am
Speaker: Zaragosa Vargas on the UFW, Philips Hall, PAC, 4:10pm
Poetry slam: With Nikki Giovanni, Yosemite Hall main lounge, 7pm
Dance: Ronald K. Brown/Evidence, Theatre, 8pm (\$)

Monday, April 12

Movie: "The Last Samurai," Chumash, 6 & 8:30pm

Tuesday, April 13

Music: Damon & JJ from J&D, BackStage Pizza, 11am

Wednesday, April 14

Music: Sarah Coleman, BackStage Pizza, 11am

Friday, April 16

Open House: Through Sunday.
Hearst lecture: Lorcan O'Herlihy, "Operational Layers," Business Rotunda, 4pm

Saturday, April 17

Open House: Through Sunday.
Hearst lecture: Brian Allan Husting, "Special Places," Business Rotunda, 4pm
Music: Music Department Open House Concert, Harman Hall, 8pm (\$)

Sunday, April 18

Open House: Ends today.
Music: All-State Wind Orchestra Concert, Harman Hall, 2:30pm (\$) □

Alcohol Screening Day tomorrow in UU Plaza

Representatives from Health and Counseling Services will be in the UU Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday (April 8) distributing information and administering a free, confidential, written self-test for alcohol abuse and alcohol dependence as part of National Alcohol Screening Day.

All Cal Poly employees and students and their families may participate. Appointments are not necessary.

Participants will learn the causes, symptoms and treatments of alcohol abuse and alcohol dependence and will have an opportunity to discuss the results of their written test with a mental-health professional.

The event, the nation's large-scale education and screening program for alcohol problems, is conducted by the National Mental Illness Screening Project in partnership with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The goal is to help reduce high-risk drinking and change attitudes and cultural norms.

For more information, contact Counseling Services at ext. 2511. □

Leave solicitation

Deborah Moreno, an administrative support coordinator in Admissions, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.

Those interested in donating leave may request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Becky Jorgeon in Admissions at ext. 1304 or by e-mail.

CSEA employees (units 2, 5, 7 and 9), Unit 4 (academic professionals), Unit 6 (state employees trades council), E99 (excluded), C99 (confidential), M80 (management personnel plan), and M98 (executive) may donate up to 40 hours total – other state employees, up to 16 hours – of sick leave and vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more. □

Faculty asked to submit reserves electronically

The library encourages faculty members to place their course reserve material on electronic reserve rather than submit it on paper.

Class readings, homework solutions, supplemental readings and exams in print circulated 750 times during winter quarter; the electronic counterparts circulated 20,000 more times.

The workload to maintain and make available printed material is substantially greater than that required for the electronic version, said Library Assistant Dean Navjit Brar. The extra workload adversely affects the turnaround time required to process electronic reserves.

With material on electronic reserve only, students enjoy 24-hour access from outside the library, without a wait for material to be returned and without the pressure of a one-hour loan period and possible hefty fines. And electronic documents don't suffer from wear, tear and missing pages, which require staff time to repair.

"We do thank you for your understanding and cooperation," Brar said. For questions or comments, contact Brar at nbrar@calpoly.edu or ext. 2631. □

PolyView student facts for fall 2003 distributed

Institutional Planning and Analysis has released the fall 2003 edition of PolyView, which contains demographic and academic characteristics about students enrolled in fall 2003 and degree information for the previous year.

Copies were to be distributed to all campus employees the week of March 22. Additional printed copies are available by request in the IP&A office, Adm. 310, or call ext. 2204.

PolyView and other data-related publications such as the quarterly InfoBriefs and the yearly Fact Book are available at <http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/>. □

Grad Equity Program deadline is May 7

Applications are being accepted through May 7 for the Graduate Equity Fellowship and Mentor Program, designed to encourage underrepresented students with bachelor's degrees to pursue and complete graduate studies.

Selected students can receive up to \$3,000 per academic year, depending on financial need. Eligible students must be enrolled in a master's degree program or have been accepted to a master's degree program at Cal Poly. Those accepted must carry a minimum of eight graduate-level units per quarter and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, qualify as a California resident and demonstrate a minimum financial need of \$1,000.

The Graduate Equity Fellowship program is funded by the CSU and Cal Poly and is administered by the Graduate Programs office in collaboration with the Financial Aid office. For details, call Becky Powell at ext. 2328. □

Season expands for subscription produce

The Cal Poly Organic Farm is expanding from 22 to 26 weeks the season for its annual Community Supported Agriculture Program, which offers fresh, organically grown fruits, vegetables and herbs to subscribers.

Every week, subscribers pick up a box of produce designed to supply a family of two to five members for the week. The program will run from May 3 to Oct. 28, with an optional fall extension available for subscribers wanting fresh produce through the holiday season. This year Cal Poly is partnering with North County organic farms to add more warm-season crops.

The produce may be picked up at the Student Experimental Farm on Mondays or Thursdays between 3 and 7 p.m. Special drop-off locations can be arranged.

The cost for the 26-week membership is \$520. Membership is limited to 100, but friends or families wishing to split a membership and rotate weekly pick-ups are welcome to do so.

For more information or a membership form, call Sarah Ritter, Community Supported Agriculture manager, at ext. 6139, or e-mail Michael Silverman at msilvermsd@lycos.com. □

Statistical consulting offered spring quarter

The Statistics Department statistical consulting service can help with research design and data analysis in a variety of disciplines. The service is intended to support faculty and staff members' projects and research, as well as senior project and graduate research.

Robert Smidt, the main consultant this quarter, can advise on data collection, experimental design, and analysis of research projects. He is also available to lead seminars and tutorials on requested topics and advise on computer packages available at Cal Poly. If a special area of statistical inference is of interest to your department or group, contact Smidt to arrange possible lectures on the subject.

More information, including what to bring to a consultation, is on the Statistics Department's Web page at www.calpoly.edu/~stat. Smidt can be reached at ext. 2001, via e-mail at rsmidt@calpoly.edu or by fax at ext. 2700. His office is Faculty Offices East 111.

Walk-in consulting hours:

- Wednesday: 9:30-10:45 a.m.; 3:30-5 p.m.
- Friday: 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Appointments outside the hours above can be made by calling during walk-in consulting hours or office hours for students.

Office hours for students:

- Tuesday: 11:10-11:45 a.m.
- Wednesday: 10:45-11:45 a.m.; 2:40-3:30 p.m.
- Friday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. □

April 15 reception set for top student employees

The faculty and staff are invited to attend a reception recognizing all Outstanding Student Employee nominees from 11 a.m. to noon April 15 in the Smith Alumni Center.

For more information, contact Luann McDonald, chair of the Outstanding Student Employee of the Year Award Committee, in Financial Aid at ext. 5885 or lmcdonal@calpoly.edu. □

Cal Poly Report

The *Cal Poly Report* appears online on Wednesdays. Articles should be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report." For more information, call ext. 1511. □

Position Vacancies

FACULTY Candidates are asked to visit the employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#100287: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Biological Sciences Department, College of Science and Mathematics (ext. 5241). Closes May 17.

#100284: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Mathematics Department, College of Science and Mathematics (ext. 1227). Closes May 15.

#100285: Full-Time Lecturer, Mathematics Department, College of Science & Mathematics (ext. 1227). Closes May 15.

#100288: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Physics Department, College of Science and Mathematics (ext. 1752). Closes May 5.

#100248: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Political Science Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 2985). Extended closing date May 15.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. is accepting applications for the following position. Complete position descriptions and applications are available at the ASI Business Office, UU 212, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F, or call ext. 5800. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AA/EOE.

Administrative Assistant, ASI Student Government, \$14.30/hour, full-time position (schedule may be negotiable between 10-12 months). Closes 5 p.m. April 14. □

Register by April 19 for retirement seminar

The registration deadline is April 19 for a CalPERS Achieving Financial Security seminar to be presented May 19, the second of three CalPERS retirement planning seminars scheduled in 2004 specifically for Cal Poly employees.

The May 19 event targets PERS members with 10 years or more until retirement. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in UU 220.

Advance registration is required. Forms are available in Human Resources, Adm. 110, and on the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/forms/index.html#benefits>, and must be returned to Human Resources at least 30 days before a seminar.

The third seminar will be Nov. 10, a General Retirement Planning Workshop for all CalPERS members.

The seminars are free to CalPERS members and their spouses. For information about additional seminars, contact CalPERS toll free at 1-877-720-7377 or go to <http://www.calpers.ca.gov/benefits/member-education/default.htm>. □